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Egg and Poultry Cooperative, Sofia

1. "Yaitse Koop" (Egg Cooperative) headquarters are located at No. 56 Alabin Street in Sofia. The organization acquires, by voluntary transfer, eggs and small numbers of live poultry from peasants and poultry farmers. About 35 workers are employed. The director is Savov (fnu), a Bulgarian.
2. Branch offices of the Egg Cooperative are located in 30 or 40 of the major towns throughout Bulgaria. The branches carry out the following activities:
 - a. The collection of eggs in their respective districts;
 - b. Export to foreign countries, upon orders of the central headquarters; and
 - c. Shipping of the remaining quantities to the central collection depot at Sofia for distribution to the sales cooperatives throughout the country.
3. A large percentage of the eggs collected by the branches are exported to countries of Western Europe, especially Austria, Eastern Germany, and

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Popovo Branch of the Egg Cooperative

4. The Popovo branch of the Egg Cooperative is located in a small masonry building at No. 1 Stalin Street. The building houses both the offices and the storage space of the cooperative. Normally two clerks and six workers are employed, and an additional 10 to 12 workers are added during the peak season.

Food Cooperative, Sofia

5. The headquarters and administrative offices of Koop Khrana (Food Cooperative) are located at No. 16 Pozitano Street in Sofia, in the vicinity of Sveta Nedelya Church in the center of the city. The cooperative is composed of 12 former restaurant

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proprietors and waiters. The president of the group is Khari Iliev, a Macedonian, who is a former waiter.

6. The cooperative procures viscera from the slaughterhouses for the preparation of the Bulgarian national dish known as "Shkembe Chorba" (Viscera Soup). It sells the "Shkembe Chorba" at the refreshment counter of the cooperative for resale to the public in 10 or 12 shops scattered throughout the city. A normal portion costs 0.80 leva and a double portion costs 1.60 leva.
7. When the cooperative was formed (after nationalization of the restaurant industry), the members contributed the equipment of their former property and floated a loan for initial capital; this loan was later repaid out of the profits. At present the members have to pay in 700 leva for working capital, with monthly payments of 20 leva withheld from their fixed salary (600 leva per month). The retail shops do a good business and bring in "good" profits to the organization. In 1952, the net profit was 25,000 leva.
8. At the close of the fiscal year, the profits are divided as follows:
 - a. Twenty-five percent to the National Cooperative Union;
 - b. Approximately 1,000 leva to each of the cooperative members according to his contributions to the profits; and
 - c. The remainder of the profits to the enterprise as capital funds for improving the facilities and equipment.

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